

**September 20, 2016
Springfield, Missouri**

The City Council met in special session September 20, 2016 at the Public Safety Center, 330 W. Scott at noon. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Stephens.

Roll Call

Present: Craig Fishel, Ken McClure, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Kristi Fulnecky, Phyllis Ferguson, Mike Schilling, and Bob Stephens. Absent: None. Vacant Seat: Zone 2.

**Comments by
Candidates**

Mayor Stephens announced the purpose of this meeting was to hear the presentations from the candidates who had applied to fill the vacant Zone 2 Council seat. The following candidates spoke to City Council regarding their experience, their community involvement, and their qualifications for filling this position:

Dr. Tom Prater (Via web conference)
Jennifer Capler
Kenneth Hopper
Jesse Coulter
David Trippe
Michael Hines
Mike Brothers
Robert "Bob" Sweere

Following the presentations each candidate was asked the following four questions:

- 1) How would you approach staying engaged and connected with Zone 2 constituents in order to assure their representation on the City Council?
- 2) Economic development and public safety have been said to go hand in hand. Discuss whether you agree or disagree.
- 3) What do you consider to be the particular needs of neighborhoods in Zone 2.
- 4) For several years, bringing jobs to Springfield and helping existing businesses create new jobs has been a priority for City Council. Discuss whether you feel this is still a priority.

**Selection of Zone 2
Councilmember**

Following the presentations, City Council was presented with ballots and asked to vote for the candidate they felt should serve as the Zone 2 Councilmember until the certification of the April 2017 election.

The ballots were collected and tallied by Anita Cotter, City Clerk. Ms. Cotter noted Dr. Thomas Prater received 5 votes, Kenneth Hopper received 1 vote, David Trippe received 1 vote, and Mike Brothers received 1 vote. Ms. Cotter noted based on Dr. Prater receiving 5 votes, he was selected to serve as the Zone 2 Councilmember. Dr. Prater will be sworn-in at the September 27, 2016 Special City Council meeting.

With no further business to come before City Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
Acting City Clerk